
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 815

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF NONEDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

SUMMARY:

By law, a board of education must annually submit an itemized estimate of maintenance expenses to the town's appropriating authority at least two months before the authority's annual budget meeting. The bill defines "itemized estimate" to mean an estimate in which broad budgetary categories are divided into one or more line items, including salaries, fringe benefits, utilities, supplies, and grounds maintenance.

The bill requires a town's appropriating authority to make spending recommendations and suggestions to the school board regarding consolidation of noneducational services and cost savings. The appropriating authority must do so no later than 10 days after the school board submits its annual itemized estimate. The school board may accept or reject the suggestions, but must provide a written explanation of any rejections.

The bill also expands the notification requirement when a school board transfers funds. By law, a school board may adopt policies authorizing designated personnel to make limited transfers in an emergency, if a school board meeting to consider the transfer cannot be held in a timely fashion. Under law, the school board must announce the emergency transfer at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The bill requires the school board to also provide a written explanation of the transfer to the town's legislative body or, if the legislative body is a town meeting, the board of selectman.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/13/2013)